

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for allowing a user to dynamically change the style of an online resume that is created using an online guided resume creation system, the system comprising at least one database, the at least one database comprising a plurality of fields requiring input of data, the method comprising the steps of:

5 a) displaying a plurality of resume styles for user selection, each one of the plurality of resume styles having a corresponding style sheet describing the resume style, including positions within the resume style of fields of data from the database;

b) collecting data from a user;
c) prompting the user to select one resume style from the plurality of
10 resume styles;
d) automatically creating a file from the user data;
e) applying the style sheet corresponding to the selected resume style to the file to transform the file into a resume file that is viewable online and printable.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

15 f) repeating steps (c) – (e) until the user is satisfied with the resume file, thereby allowing the user to dynamically apply different styles to the resume file.

3. The method of claim 2 further comprising the steps of:

mapping the user information to the plurality of fields in the database; and

storing the mapped user information in the database.

4. The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of allowing the user to edit the resume file.

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5. The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of providing the user with an option to view the resume file.

6. The method of claim 4 further including the step of displaying the resume file.

7. The method of claim 3 further including the step of storing the resume file as a web page on the Internet.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the resume file is formatted in HTML.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein step (d) further comprises the step of utilizing XML to create the file.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein step (a) further comprises the step of providing the plurality of resume style sheets in XSL.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein step (b) further includes the step of allowing the user to select a resume type from a plurality of resume types, the resume type describing a

plurality of sections in the resume and an order in which the plurality of sections will appear on the resume.

12. A computer-readable medium for allowing a user to dynamically change the style of an online resume that is created using an online guided resume creation system, the system comprising at least one database, the at least one database comprising a plurality of fields requiring input of data, the computer-readable medium comprising the instructions of:

a) displaying a plurality of resume styles for user selection, each one of the plurality of resume styles having a corresponding style sheet describing the resume style, including positions within the resume style of fields of data from the database;

b) collecting data from a user;

c) prompting the user to select one resume style from the plurality of resume styles;

d) automatically creating a file from the user data;

e) applying the style sheet corresponding to the selected resume style to the file to transform the file into a resume file in the selected resume style, whereby the resume file is viewable online and printable.

13. The computer-readable medium of claim 12 further comprising the instruction of:

f) repeating steps (c) – (e) until the user is satisfied with the resume file.

14. The computer-readable medium of claim 13 further comprising the instructions

of:

mapping the user information to the plurality of fields in the database;

and

storing the mapped user information in the database.

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15. The computer-readable medium of claim 14 further comprising the instruction
of
allowing the user to edit the resume file.

16. The computer-readable medium of claim 15 further comprising the instruction
of providing the user with an option to view the resume file.

17. The computer-readable medium of claim 15 further comprising the instruction
of displaying the resume file.

18. The computer-readable medium of claim 14 further comprising the instruction
of
storing the resume file as a web page on the Internet.

19. The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein the resume file is
formatted in HTML.

20. The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein instruction (d) further

comprises an instruction for utilizing XML to create the file.

21. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, wherein instruction (a) further includes an instruction for providing the plurality of resume style sheets in XSL.

22. The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein instruction (b) further includes the instruction of allowing the user to select a resume type from a plurality of resume types, the resume type describing a plurality of sections in the resume and an order in which the plurality of sections will appear on the resume.

23. A system for allowing a user to dynamically change the style of an online resume that is created using an online guided resume creation system, the system comprising at least one database, the at least one database comprising a plurality of fields requiring input of data, comprising:

a plurality of style sheets for describing different resume styles, including positions within the resume styles of fields of data from the database;

a user interface for collecting information from a user and for allowing the user to select a resume style from a plurality of resume styles;

means for automatically creating a file from the user data;

means for transforming the file into a resume file by applying the style sheet corresponding to the user selected resume style to the file.

24. The system of claim 23, wherein the user interface allows the user to reselect

resume styles to apply to the resume file.

25. The system of claim 24 wherein the user information is mapped to the plurality of fields in the database, and the mapped user information is stored in the database.

26. The system of claim 25 further comprising means for allowing the user to edit the resume file.

27. The system of claim 26 further including means for providing the user with an option to view the resume file.

28. The system of claim 26 wherein the resume file is displayed to the user.

29. The system of claim 25 wherein the resume file is stored as a web page on the Internet.

30. The system of claim 23, wherein the file is created using XML.

31. The system of claim 30, wherein the plurality of resume style sheets are in XSL.

32. The system of claim 31, wherein the resume file is formatted in HTML.

33. The system of claim 23, wherein the means for collecting data further includes means for allowing the user to select a resume type from a plurality of resume types, the resume type describing a plurality of sections in the resume and an order in which the plurality of sections will appear on the resume.

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34. A method for automatically providing delimiters in an online resume that is created using an online guided resume creation system, the system comprising at least one database, the at least one database including a plurality of fields requiring input of data, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning a numerical value to each field of the plurality of fields in the database;

providing a plurality of style sheets, each style sheet of the plurality of style sheets describing a different resume style;

providing a plurality of case statement codes in each style sheet, wherein each case statement code represents a respective sum value of numerical values of a combination of fields associated with a section;

prompting the user to enter data into the plurality of fields;

determining the sum of the combination of fields associated with the section by adding the numerical values assigned to the fields containing user data; and

executing the case statement code corresponding to the sum value of the combination of fields to determine where the fields are positioned and where the delimiters are placed relative to the fields.

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35. The method of claim 34, wherein the numerical value assigned to each field increases by twofold for each successive field.

36. The method of claim 35 further including the step of using XML to create a file from the user data and applying a style sheet from the plurality of style sheets to transform the file into an HTML resume file.

37. The method of claim 36 further including the step of storing the HTML resume as a web page on the Internet.

38. A method for allowing a user to customize a style of an online resume that is created using an online guided resume creation system, the system comprising at least one database, the at least one database comprising a plurality of fields requiring input of data, the method comprising the steps of:

a) displaying a plurality of resume styles for user selection, each one of the plurality of resume styles having a corresponding style sheet describing the resume style, including positions within the resume style of fields of data from the database;

b) collecting data from a user;

c) prompting the user to select one resume style from the plurality of resume styles, the resume style having a plurality of custom settings;

d) allowing the user to adjust the plurality of custom settings associated with the selected resume style;

e) automatically creating a file from the user data, the user selected resume

style, and the adjusted plurality of custom settings;

f) applying the style sheet corresponding to the selected resume style to the file, thereby transforming the file into a resume file that is viewable online and printable.

39. The method of claim 38, wherein the allowing step (d) further comprises the steps of:

d1) dividing the online resume into a plurality of common elements, the plurality of common elements being components of a typical resume; and

d2) allowing the user to modify the appearance of a common element of the plurality of common elements.

40. The method of claim 39, wherein the allowing step (d) further comprises the step of:

d3) allowing the user to adjust a line spacing component of the online resume, whereby the user can modify a distance between lines of the online resume.

41. The method of claim 40 further comprising the step of:

g) repeating steps (c) – (f) until the user is satisfied with the resume file.

42. The method of claim 41 further comprising the steps of:

mapping the user information to the plurality of fields; and

storing the mapped user information in the at least one database.

43. The method of claim 42 further comprising the step of storing the resume file as a web page on the Internet.